



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 9

Meeting Date: 3/28/07
Meeting Location: Hendricks County Dept. of Child Services
6781 E US Hwy. 36, Avon, IN 46123

Council Members Present:

Barbara South, Steve Vaughn, Jana Minks, Harmony Gist, Tim Miller, Kandi Killan and Char Burkett-Sims

Guests Present:

Andrea Goodwin - Hendricks County DCS, Kamilla Aeschliman-Boone County DCS, Mark Fairchild – Region 9 Community Partners for Child Safety, Lisa Plewa, Children's Bureau, Pam Turner and Linda Merkel - Putnam County Youth Development and Community Youth Services Bureau, Michael Scime - Montgomery County Youth Services Bureau, Shay Isaacs - Wernle Children's Home

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM

Meeting Minutes: The Minutes were accepted with the changes necessary to correct to Mark Fairchild's information. Mark's e-mail address is mfairchild@childrensbureau.org and telephone number is 317.745.6496.

New Member: Jana Minks of Montgomery County is the new member who will represent Supervisors within the Region.

Meeting Day Change: To meet the needs of some members, there was a question posed regarding the possibility of moving the meeting day. It was decided that Regional Services Council will now meet on the last Tuesday of every month starting in April. The time and location will remain the same.

IV-B Funding Change: Char presented Morgan County's proposal to utilize funding allocated to Cassandra McConn, Inc. under home based casework services to develop a contract amendment to purchase home based therapy from McConn, Inc. The proposal was accepted by the 5 members present. As the proposal needs 2/3 of the Council members to approve, 2 more votes are needed. As the proposal is Tim's, his vote can be presumed. One additional vote will be sought.

Reports of IV-B utilization were presented but additional questions were identified regarding the service codes. Char offered to provide more detailed funding information and spending trends at a subsequent regional meeting.

Community Partners for Child Safety: The program development is progressing. The number of active cases is increasing and there has been one self referral. There is a plan to send brochures to schools within the Region by the end of this week. Hiring activities are underway to fill 2 Liaison positions. There is a strong interest to fill these positions with candidates know to the community.

Child Advocacy Center: Andrea Goodwin and Steve Vaughn presented information regarding plans to establish a Child Advocacy Center within the Region. Steve went to regional meeting held for those operating Centers and discussed existing program and plans with other CAC Directors. He learned of grant opportunities. There are sources of flexible funding available but these are 1 time awards. Grant requests are due in June.

There are CAC development support services offered through the state organization which includes training grants, technical assistance, developing standards, “boot camp”, grant writing. May 17 is the next state meeting and Steve indicated his plans to attend.

One of the important lessons that were shared is the need for expertise in video recording. “I Record” technology picture in picture was discussed as state of art technology that should be considered.

The importance of bringing the right people to the table to discuss and plan was presented as a critical activity as well as conducting a needs assessment. It was also indicated that in pursuing funding it is necessary have a fiscal agent who has a 501 (3)(c) designation. Other advice is to look at talent within the communities to help design offices to be child friendly. The greatest challenge that has been identified is sustainability.

There were some questions regarding the feasibility of a Regional structure. Logistics for travel, support for families and long distance accessibility were discussed.

SB 328: There was a discussion of the current version of SB328 which addresses the proposed purpose and composition of the Regional Services Council. The proposal within this bill to expand the definition of custodian for purposes of the abuse and neglect investigations.

Next Meeting:

Date: 4-24-07

Location: Hendricks Co. Department of Child Services, 6181 E. US Hwy. 36,
Avon, IN 46123

Time: 9:00 AM

Meeting concluded at 11:00 AM